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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Reverse Tone Process for Masks
David V. Horak, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/992,767) Group Art Unit: 1756
Filed: November 14, 2001) Examiner: Christopher G. Young

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed September 3, 2003, applicants request reconsideration and allowance.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application, are rejected, and are at issue.

Applicants' attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the recent interview at which the objection to the drawings was discussed. The drawings filed with the application are informal. Formal drawings will be submitted at the time of allowance. As such, applicants understand that no drawing correction is required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on December 3, 2003.

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